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McKERNAN NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
PACIFIC OCEANIC FISHERY INVESTIGATIONS

The appointment of Donald L. McKernan to the position of assistant director, Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations at Honolulu, T. H., was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

McKernan succeeds Dr. John L. Kask who left Honolulu in December to become Chief, Office of Foreign Activities for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington, D. C.

McKernan leaves the post of Director of Research for the Fish Commission of Oregon, which he occupied for more than 6 years. His extensive experience in fishery research and administration also includes four years with the State of Washington Department of Fisheries where he directed research on the shellfish resources of the State.

In 1950, Mr. McKernan spent four months in Japan as a visiting fishery expert at the request of the Department of the Army. A report on his survey of certain aspects of the Japanese fishery resources will be published by the Division of Natural Resources, S.C.A.P. During a similar period in 1951, Mr. McKernan, on leave of absence from Oregon, taught a graduate course in fisheries at the University of Washington at Seattle. He was graduated from the University of Washington in 1936 and has completed more than two years of graduate work at the same institution.

In his new work, Mr. McKernan will be responsible to Mr. O. E. Sette, Director, Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations, for the conduct of scientific research and the planning of experimental fishing leading to development of the high seas fishery resources in the Pacific Ocean areas around the Hawaiian, Phoenix, and Line Islands, and the Trust Territory.

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Born in Eugene, Oreg., on Jan. 29, 1918.